Minutes March 3, 2005

Regular Meeting: Yes **Call to Order:** 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Beverly Wemigwase, Chairperson

Tim LaCroix, Vice-Chairperson

Julie Shananaguet, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent:

Staff Present: Steve Rankens/Interim Director, Andrea Cowles/Sr.Background

Investigator, Tom Gould/Surveillance Manager, Tiaha Lappan /Internal

Auditor

Guest: Rita Shananaquet

Agenda Item 3:(Agenda)

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix and supported by Commissioner Wemigwase to approve agenda as presented.

Vote: 2-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent, 0-Abstained

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 4: (Minutes)

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix and supported by Commissioner Wemigwase to table the minutes of February 3, 2005 and February 16, 2005.

Vote: 2-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent, 0-Abstained

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 5: (Phone Polls)

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix and supported by Commissioner Wemigwase to enter two phone polls: 1)Policies & Procedures of Table Games and Promotion 2)Job Description into the minutes.

Vote: 2-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent, 0-Abstained

Motion Carried

Commissioner Shananaquet arrives

Agenda Item 6a: (Chairperson's Report) 1)Mtg w/CFO, 2)United Tribes Conference, 3)Mtg w/Judge Petoskey – cancelled, 4)Mtg w/Gaming Board, 5)Informational Meeting- not illegal.

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix and supported by Commissioner Shananaquet to approve the Gaming Regulatory Chairperson's verbal and written report of March 3, 2005 as presented by Beverly Wemigwase.

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Absent, 0-Abstained

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 6b: (Vice-Chairperson's Report)

No report given. No action needed

Agenda Item 6c: (Secretary/Treasurer's Report)

No report given. No action taken.

Agenda Item 7c: (Surveillance Department Report)<u>Discussion:</u> MICS violation addressed. Operator tests revised. Operators commended for excellent job in identifying scams/theft. Training for 3 Lead Operators, 1 Supervisor and Manager to attend Gaming Academy training in Manistee, MI. Dale Carnegie Training

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix and supported by Commissioner Wemigwase to approve the Surveillance Manager's verbal and written report of March 3, 2005 as presented by Tom Gould.

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Absent, 0-Abstained

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 7d: (Internal Auditor's Report) 1)MICS Violation Response and Follow up; 2)Title 31; 3)Explanation of Variance; 4)Invoice of items on elevator; 5)Card & Dice Room; 6)Follow up on Title 31 <u>Discussion</u>: Commended Tiaha for the good job she is doing. No response received from the GM regarding follow up to violations (Konami). Price, Waterhouse, Cooper scheduled to do audit. Security Issues a concern with documents found, no SS#'s listed therefore no Title 31 violation. Request policy and procedure on transport and storage of marketing documents. Working on Revised policies for double verification in Card

Room. (More Security involvement and investigate Table Games procedures) MOU for policies and procedures. Token destruction-no response from Cage Manager.

Motion made by Commissioner Wemigwase and supported by Commissioner Shananaquet to approve the Gaming Regulatory Internal Audit verbal and written report of March 3, 2005 as presented by Tiahia Lappan.

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Absent, 0-Abstained

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 7b: (Licensing Department Report) 1)Licenses, 2)PTA Forms, 3)Transfer fees, 4)Government to Government, 5)Lack of Quorum for licensing issue, 6)Ex-officio, <u>Discussion:</u> No licenses issued during the month of February (due to transfers). PTA Forms resume. Unable to find Tribal Code which covers Government to Government contact by enterprise/tribal employees. Need clarification of what is considered government to government.

Motion made by Commissioner Wemigwase and supported by Commissioner LaCroix to approve the Gaming Regulatory Sr. Background Investigator's verbal and written report of March 3, 2005 as presented by Andrea Cowles.

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix and supported by Commissioner Shananaquet to approve the following 8 Key Gaming Licenses: Licenses No.s: 3963, 3965, 3966, 3956, 3957, 3942, 3839, 3934 Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Absent, 0-Abstained Motion Carried

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix and supported by Commissioner Shananaquet to approve the following 4 Non-Key Gaming Licenses: Licenses No.s: 3961, 3955, 3916, 3959

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Absent, 0-Abstained

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 7a: (Regulatory Director's Report) 1)Cross Match-Ordinance Amendment;

2)Cooperation/Communication; 3)NIGC Audit; 4)Surveillance P & P's; 5)Statute; 6)APS/NICE Warranty; 7)Asset Protection Team; 8)Disaster/Terrorism Training; 9)Work Release Program, 10)Yahoo internet system, 11)Financial Reports

<u>Discussion:</u> Request Motion from Council to clarify wording in Statute to allow Licensing to start using Cross Match system. Need consultant to unify Statute, Regulations, By-Laws. Interim-Director requests input from Commissioners regarding communications problems. APS Warranty issues addressed. (Ends March 31, 2005). Asset Protection Team similar to previous Safety/Health Team – will approach GM to take lead and Regulatory as a team member. Electrical Grid problems taken care of. MIT Gang hitting Indian Casinos. No approved policy and procedure set in place for work release program. Yahoo group for regulatory issues. Need reports for Comp 50, Variance, all Financial Reports. Fining Authority – Steve directed to research. CFO needs to request a breakdown of charges incurred by MIGCB. Certified mailings required for Dispute Responses. Additional staffing needed to do auditing – limited staff permits MICS audits only at present. Liquor law research. Monthly reports will be given on March 31, 2005.

Motion made by Commissioner Wemigwase and supported by Commissioner LaCroix to approve the Gaming Regulatory Interim Director's verbal and written report of March 3, 2005 as presented by Steve Rankens.

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Absent, 0-Abstained

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS/PRIORITY BUSINESS

Agenda Item 9a: Next Quarterly Regular Meetings

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix and supported by Commissioner Wemigwase to schedule the following dates for next quarter's regular meetings: 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26, 6/9 and 6/23.

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Absent, 0-Abstained

Motion Carried

Dates: Regular Sessions: April 14, April 28, May 12, May 26, June 9, June 23.

Work session tentative. March 5 @ 10:00 AM.

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix and supported by Commissioner Wemigwase to approve stipend and mileage for any commissioner to attend Tribal Council Meeting on Sunday March 6, 2005 and work session on March 9, 2005.

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Absent, 0-Abstained

Motion Carried

Discussion: Agenda items: Employee Handbook, Budget Request,

Agenda Item 10

The next Regular meeting scheduled for March 17, 2005

Agenda Item 11: (Adjournment)

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix and supported by Commissioner Wemigwase to adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Absent, 0-Abstained Motion Carried

These Minutes have been read and approved as written: March 17, 2005

Julie Ghananaquet, Secretary/Treasurer